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Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
(ODCCW)

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ODCCW MISSION STATEMENT

APR/MAY 2020

*To promote among our Catholic women a greater devotion to Christ and the Church,
as we share the Blessed Mother's role of bringing others to Christ through spirituality, leadership and service*

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CALENDAR REMINDERS

WELCOME TO SUMMER



PLANNING FOR THE FALL

WELCOME BACK

- Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, Sept 1, 2020
Pastoral Center/Christ Cathedral
8:30AM Social 9:00AM
Meeting Open to all
- General Gathering
Tuesday, Sept 15, 2020
Christ Cathedral Campus
8:00AM Mass
8:45AM Registration
9:15AM Opening Prayer



Does this look familiar?????



Today's COVID-19 Risk Level



Continue in steadfast faithfulness to the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
Galatians 5



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ODCCW SUPPORT PROJECTS

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Joanie's Purses/ Catholic Charities

Used purses

Precious Life Shelter

Diapers
Trash bags
Baby Wipes

Homeless Ministry

SOCKS, SOCKS, SOCKS

For more information
How to donate

contact: info@odccw.org



PRAYERS FOR INTENTIONS

Becky Schraff
Kathie Benoe
Jeannette Stephen
Sharon Moore

All our loved ones that are
with the Lord

All the UNBORN everywhere

OPENING PRAYER

Direct, O Lord our actions, by Thy holy inspiration, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours, may begin always from Thee and by Thee be happily ended through Christ our Lord

Amen

SALUTE TO THE CROSS

Unto the King Eternal, Immortal and Invisible, the only God, be honor and Glory forever – Amen

CLOSING PRAYER

O God - who didst will that at the message of an Angel, Thy Word take flesh in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant that we, believing in Mary, to be truly the Mother of God and the Queen of Angels, may be ever protected and preserved in Thy grace through her intercession in the name of Christ, Our Lord - Amen



Please join

NCCW Spirituality Commission
Monthly Rosary

JUNE 10, 2020

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5 p.m. (PT) 7 p.m. (CT) 8 p.m. (ET)

Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
is affiliated with and supports the

**National Council of
Catholic Women**

Acts through its members to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership, and service. NCCW programs respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

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MAY CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER



**THE HAIL MARY:
HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE,
THE LORD IS WITH THEE.
BLESSED ART THOU AMONG WOMEN
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT
OF THY WOMB JESUS.
HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS
NOW AND AT THE HOUR
OF OUR DEATH
AMEN.**

The origins of the May Crowning are hard to pinpoint, although devotion to our Blessed Mother Mary originates in the earliest days of the church. Concerning the significance of the month of May, toward the end of the 18th century, Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus (in Rome) instituted the practice of dedicating this month to our Blessed Mother. His desire was to promote devotion to Mary among the students as a way to counteract infidelity and immorality. From Rome, the May devotion spread throughout the Jesuit colleges, and eventually throughout the whole church. Pope Pius VII in 1815 granted a partial indulgence for participating in either a public or private devotion honoring Mary during the month of May; Pope Pius IX made the indulgence plenary in 1859. (This particular indulgence is no longer listed in the present Enchiridion of Indulgences, although numerous devotions to our Blessed Mother are, such as the recitation of the rosary or the Litany of Mary.)

May probably seemed most appropriate because the liturgical calendars, former and present, mark several feast days honoring our Blessed Mother: Our Lady, Queen of Apostles (the Saturday following the Ascension); Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament (May 13); Our Lady of Fatima (May 13); Mary, Help of Christians (May 24); Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces (May 31); and the Visitation (May 31).

Although we are fast approaching the end of May, nevertheless, let us be sure to honor our Blessed Mother in our hearts and our homes. The recitation of the family rosary each day, images of our Blessed Mother, having a special shrine in our yard, and having our own family May Crowning are wonderful ways not only to foster devotion and faith, but also to draw us closer to the heart of Our Savior.

OUT-GOING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends & Sisters in Christ:

God Bless you and WOW here we are - MAY. Another year of ODCCW has come and gone. This has been a strange time with the on-going health outbreak of the COVID-19 coronavirus. Our beloved Bishop Vann has taken precautions throughout the diocese and there is no news at this time when the churches are going to open and/or when we are going to be able to gather again and even what gathering together is going to look like. Please continue to pray for one another, family, friends, healthcare workers and those on the front line taking care of loved ones and others who need and depend on that care for everyday needs. Stay healthy until we meet again.

I personally want to express my sincere gratitude to the wonderful women of the 2018-2020 Executive Board, who stepped forward and beside me to guide, support, give of their time, talent and treasure to make my tenure as President, memories I will never forget. Their friendship is cherished and will be with me forever.

To the in-coming Executive Board: trust in your experiences and the directions given to you by the Trinity through prayer. There will be challenges, disappointments, and joy. All is meant for change and the good of His holy name. Today you are the future of ODCCW and all will be blessed because you trust in Him.

I have found as the weeks have gone by and have now turned into months, I miss each of you and what you have brought into my life. I have been blessed by the care, concern, help, wisdom and presence of each of you. My heart is full of gratitude for your trust and faithfulness through the last two years as President of ODCCW. I am truly blessed by God.

May we always keep time in every day, for spiritual growth, being led to profess our faith to the world and serve whoever, wherever, to whatever the need is that is presented before us.

God is good, all the time! I remain dedicated to the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women through spirituality, leadership and service. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Blessings,

Penelope Hecker, ODCCW, President 2018-2020



*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our
petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from every danger,
O Glorious and Blessed
Virgin.*

O Mary,

You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering and persevered in your faith.

"Protectress of the Roman people", you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself, our suffering and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.



ORANGE DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
2020-2022
IN-COMING EXECUTIVE BOARD

IN-GOING 2020-2022 Executive Officers:

Treasurer: Shirley Espioque
Corresponding Secretary: Ida Pennella
Recording Secretary: Helen Barnes
2nd Vice President: Inez Moss
1st Vice President: Pat Martin
VP/President Elect: Janine Meckler
President: Susan Navarrete

OUT-GOING 2018-2020 Executive Officers:

Treasurer: Kathie Benoe
Corresponding Secretary: Kay Ehret
Recording Secretary: Terri Castillo
2nd Vice President: Ida Pennella
1st Vice President: Elena Arriola Freeman
President: Penelope Hecker

As you are reading this, PLEASE take a moment to prayerfully say "THANK YOU" to the outgoing Officers who have served so graciously over the past two years. The work accomplished does not go unnoticed and you each are appreciated for your dedication to ODCCW.

Now, the newly elected Executive officers of the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, great honor, esteem and responsibility has been bestowed upon you. ODCCW have shown profound admiration of the ability you have to use your God given gifts and talents. More than that, they have given you, as a body united in Christ, their hopes, their dreams and their aspirations for the life and future of ODCCW for which they have worked so hard. In you, they deposit their trust knowing that you will guide ODCCW into a challenging future which has deep roots in the hard work done by many others in the past. The task before you requires great faith, humility, strength knowledge, patience, forgiveness and an abundance of gracious love to continue to move forward.

At this season of the year, we are most aware of the new life all around us. We recognize that new life derives its creative ability from the soil, which has been worked by our mothers and fathers before us. We are reminded of the fruitfulness of their lives; that the earth and all those on it are connected by the strength of God's creative love for us and by our mutual love and care for one another.

As we begin a new council year, let us all, members and officers alike, be aware of the strength and the power of love. Let us pray to be guided by this love as symbolized by the rose.

As a Diocesan Council, we place ourselves under the patronage of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother and the Mother of Jesus. Each New Officer is given a "Special Woman" in ODCCW tradition, as her Patroness. Take time to get to know her and take from her life some of characteristics and wisdom she is admired and remembered for.

Treasurer – Shirley Espioque, as Treasurer, you hold a trustworthy and important position. You will receive all monies and dispense all funds according to the rules of the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Just as the stem of the rose balances it and gives perfect order to the leaves, so too, will your office demand preciseness and integrity. To you, the Patroness, St. Terese of Avila, who was a model of integrity and was trusted by the leaders of the Church in her time.



Corresponding Secretary – Ida Pennella, as Corresponding Secretary you will represent ODCCW in all the letters and notices you send and receive. You will need the gifts of graciousness and tact, efficiency and promptness. Your correspondence should depict affability and warmth. Just as the rose reflects beautiful memories of the sender; so too, shall your correspondence show your organization in the best possible light. To you, the patroness, Phoebe, a deaconess in the early Church whose communication of Jesus aided the Church of Cencrae in its belief.

Recording Secretary - Helen Barnes, as Recording Secretary, you will keep the minutes of all the meetings of the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. You will need to be a keen observer at our meetings, in order to submit a complete report of all the actions taken. You are to record and store the business of ODCCW just as the rose stores pollen to be released as needed. To you, the Patroness, St. Paula, who was a companion to St. Jerome and helped him in interpreting and translating the Bible.

2nd Vice President, Inez Moss, as 2nd Vice President you will perform the duties of the Presidents in their absence and assist the President as needed. You are Service Commission Chair and will be responsible for all of the charity and service projects and helping everyone in need. Your job requires you to love everyone. You will be like the petals of the rose. The different varieties are all beautiful together; however each petal alone has a beauty of its own. To you, the Patroness Juliana, who led a life of apostolic charity, converting sinners, reconciling enemies, healing the sick and helping all in need. She saw beauty in everyone.

1st Vice President, Pat Martin, as 1st Vice President you will perform the duties of the Presidents in their absence and assist in any other way possible. You are also Spirituality Commission Chair. You will be responsibility for creating a spiritual atmosphere of love, peace and joy. Your job requires the ability to be a team player. You will be like new sprouting buds of the rose, always ready to blossom and give life, joy and fragrance to ODCCW. To you, the Patroness Priscilla, Church leader, teacher, and woman totally involved in team ministry for the sake of the gospel.

VP/President-Elect Janine Meckler, as VP/President-Elect you will assist the President in any way possible and will always be ready, willing and able to stand in for her when it is necessary. You will be the main support person for the President, one on whom she can always call on for advice and direction, just as the stem of the rose is the support system for its nourishment. To you, the Patroness, Ruth of the Old Testament, for her loyalty and fidelity to Naomi was a constant source of strength.

President Susan Navarrete, as President, you are ultimately responsible for the leadership of ODCCW. You will delegate responsibilities, lead your Board and represent the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at all functions and will be available for all members when called upon. You will be the ambassador of love and goodwill just as the rose is symbolic of the love and goodwill that exists in the world of natural order. To you, the Patroness, Queen Esther of the Old Testament, whose grace, discretion and diplomacy enabled her people to live long and fruitful lives

Each officer has heard her duties. Now as the Membership of ODCCW, ask if you are ready to make a commitment to carry them out.

Everyone said "YES"

Ladies, the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women want to Thank You and offer our sincere congratulations and support. You are hereby duly installed. Go forth in the love and peace of our Lord, Jesus, to carry out the work you have committed to do. God bless you all.

"SAINTS"

Fr. Scott Borgman J.C.D., ODCCW Spiritual Advisor



Dear Ladies,

I greet you from a very close spiritual communion of hearts which binds us together in the Heart of Jesus, even if we are apart. I miss you and pray for you every day. However, if there was a better place for us to become Saints, God would have put us there. Yet, here we find ourselves still in quarantine, perhaps at the threshold of the reopening of our society. But perhaps we haven't yet gleaned the most benefit from our time in quarantine. Yes, you heard me right! Now is the time to glean the greatest benefit from these challenges. If we choose, we can make today, and this week and the next the most effective intimacy with Jesus, by perfecting our family life and our prayer life just like the Saints. This is your calling, your vocation, in these days, don't take my word for it, just listen to Jesus, who had us in mind when he said in Matt. 5:48 "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

French novelist Léon Bloy put it this way: "The only real sadness, ...the only real failure, ...the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint." In the economy of salvation, there is no better place for you to be than right here! Especially during this time of quarantine, we can learn so much from the Saints, from their silence, from their intimacy with God, such as St. Josemaría who writes to us:

Consider what is most beautiful and most noble on earth, what pleases the mind and the other faculties, and what delights the flesh and the senses. And the world, and the other worlds that shine in the night: the whole universe. Well this, along with all the follies of the heart satisfied, is worth nothing, is nothing and less than nothing compared... with this God of mine! Of yours" Infinite treasure, pearl of great price, humbled, become a slave, reduced to the form of a servant in the stable where he chose to be born, in Joseph's workshop, in his passion and in his ignominious death... and in the madness of Love which is the blessed Eucharist. (Escriva, The Way 432)

How will we come out of this quarantine? God will guide you to make the most of this time, beginning with an examination of your soul: The little effort you make will be completed by the grace that God gives freely. A few brief suggestions which I am trying to apply in my own life. Let us make the most of prayer, by creating specific times of conversation with our Lord. Spending some time in silence, which means limiting our exposure to the media and even turning it off for a while.

How are we to get the most out of live-streamed Mass? You might have heard that Mass is cancelled! But, Mass is not cancelled. Every day, on every Altar throughout the World, Priests are celebrating this miraculous Sacrament. Right after the Resurrection, Jesus appears to two disciples on the road to Emmaus. They don't recognize him and this comical dialogue ensues about the recent events in

Jerusalem. Until our Lord reveals himself... where? In the Breaking of the Bread; in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Mass is not entertainment, and it's not cancelled!

The key is to abandon our five senses for a moment, to go down into our heart of hearts to listen to a different voice: The voice of God. Let us deepen our interior life, and touch the Divine Face of God!

The Mass is a great exercise even, in live-stream, to participate actively, along with all the Saints and Angels who are present with us. This means even at home honoring the hour fast before Mass, standing, sitting, kneeling, saying the responses and making a very sincere spiritual communion during the time of communion. Soon we will be together again, but, until then, we can get dressed up for the Mass, for Jesus, saying the responses, joining our hearts to the prayers of the priest. There is also another deep portion of the Mass which the Saints teach us, and that is to place ourselves in the Gospel as one of the characters. Close to our Lord. In this way, we can learn from him and apply his words of Life in our ordinary lives. And, the last little tidbit might be to always remember to smile! Let us use this time to expand the horizons of our interior life, making this time of quarantine a school of Love.

The Catholic Church insists that we are created to be Saints! You... a Saint! The Church gives us role-models to guide us. We could take the popular adage and do what the Saints do, in order to obtain the graces they obtained and to become holy! In the Old Testament, the people of Israel said to Moses: "Moses, you speak to us..." God's voice was too scary. In 1 Kings 19, when Elijah is on the run from Jezebel and fears for his life. God speaks to him and decides to show himself to Elijah, by beaconing Elijah to stand outside the cave which he was hiding in. Then all hell breaks loose. But, God was not in the great and powerful wind. God was not in the earthquake and the fire. Once the storm had passed, Elijah heard the voice of God, in the soft breeze, ... a gentle whisper. The Hebrew is a very concrete language and says: "Elijah heard "the sound of a soft silence." One of those essential elements in our journey toward holiness is to fall in love with the soft and silent voice of God. By eliminating the noisy distractions of technology. Silent prayer for the development of the Interior life. Saint Josemaría says "silence is the door keeper of the interior life." Silence can be an absence of communication, but we know it can also be the context of a deeper connection. Beyond words. So the challenge is to find a moment in your quarantine, where you are in complete silence, to listen to the soft silence of the voice of God.

Please say a prayer for me, and I am praying for you,
In Christ, Fr Scott

IN-COMING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is my great honor to begin my term as President of the Board of Directors of the Orange Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (ODCCW) for 2020-2022.

My career includes 20 years as an Executive Assistant in the pharmaceutical industry. I am currently employed with Precious Life Shelter in an administrative role as well. I am involved with Orange County Cursillo, in which I served as Rectora in July of 2019. For the past eleven years I served on the organizational team at St. Thomas More for the When Women Pray (WWP) breakfast ministry, two of those eleven years I led the WWP organizational team. Leading the WWP team has prepared me for this new, exciting role with ODCCW, which is close to my heart.

With God by my side, I know I can do the task He has set before me. I promised I would serve Him for the rest of my life and that is what I intend to accomplish with ODCCW. I plan to bring this ministry to the forefront for all Catholic women of Orange County. I look forward to the conferences, gatherings, spirituality, leadership, and service that will be come forth in the future.

I am excited about growing this ministry that includes all Catholic women of Orange County by bringing fresh ideas and staying true to our mission statement. ODCCW is the best kept secret of Orange County, however with me at the helm, it will no longer be a secret. I look forward to the guidance of our Spiritual Advisor Father Scott Borgman as well as the entire Executive Board Members for 2020-2022.

The ODCCW mission statement: "To promote among our Catholic Women a greater devotion to Christ and the church, as we share the Blessed Mother's role of bringing others to Christ, through spirituality, leadership and service".

*Blessings,
Susan Navarrete, President ODCCW 2020-2022*



**TO THE
NEW
2020-2022
ODCCW EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**MAY THE LORD
BLESS
ALL THAT YOU ACCOMPLISH
FOR THE FUTURE**



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